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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R 1.312(a)**

To the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks:

Kindly amend the above-identified applications as follows, without withdrawing it from allowance:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At page 10, line 8, after "invention.", insert the following statement: --As a further alternative embodiment of the present invention, the retainer plate 20 may be removed from the assembly and the slot of tab 20a may instead be formed on the back edge of jaw 12 on either side thereof with access thereto being provided for engagement of clip members 22, particularly the hook section 22b thereof, through an adjacent opening made in the forward corner of the heads 14a, 14b on either side.--